



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL



**All things**  
*bright and beautiful,*  
**All creatures**  
*great and small,*  
**All things**  
*wise and wonderful,*  
**The Lord God**  
**made them all.**



## Church Staff:

**Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Daniel Galbreath,** Music Director  
**Mikayla Fulwider,** pianist  
**Teresa Elliott & Shannon Jerding,** Directors  
**Donna Osterholt,** Nursery  
**Michelle Griebel,**  
 Custodian  
**Ministers: Every Member!**



## OFFICE HOURS

**Mon.-Thurs.**  
 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
**Fridays: CLOSED**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**8:15** Worship Service  
**9:00** Adult Sunday School  
**10:10** - Worship Service  
**11:30** - Coffee Fellowship

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**Preschool - M-F 8:30 - 5:30 P.M.**  
**CLOSED JUNE-AUG.**

# From the Pastor



Dear Church Family,

What does Spring mean to you? Is it the budding of the trees and the beginning of green sprouting on the branches? It is the daffodils in all their yellow glory? Is it an Easter Egg Hunt and all the children running to get those precious eggs? How about the shift in the weather and the coming of warmer days? What defines Spring for you?

With all those above questions to ponder I would like to make some observations about this year as we have just seen a third of it pass by us: We have had some great growth in the church with several couples, individuals and a family join the church. And I have talked with several adults who are interested in being baptized this month or the following month. We also have a wonderful opportunity to share love with the women in our life this Mother's Day, May 12th. Give your wife, mother, grandmother, etc a hug. Also, on Mother's Day our second graders will receive their Bibles from the church. On May 19th we will celebrate our seniors who are graduating from High School: Cristopf Atkinson, Zachary Hawley, and Jadalyn Wardell, Emma Lackey. We have had a great Easter celebration with our Easter Egg Hunt as well as our Easter Sunday Services. We have been blessed with many of you giving to our Faith Promise with a Purpose fund drive for the beautification of our Sanctuary and hallways and entries. We have raised over \$10,000 dollars to be matched by the Ambrosino Family. We still have a way to go as our goal is \$40,000. The color for the Sanctuary walls have been selected as has the carpet. It will help us to refresh our look and to hopefully reach more people with the message of Jesus.

As many of you know our community was devastated by the murder of a teenager last month. Many in the school system as well as other areas of our community are asking the question of why and what we can do moving forward to not have a tragedy of this magnitude happen again. The answer to this dilemma is simple, but it would take the realization that we are not in control and that we must surrender our egos to God. And frankly, people have a hard time doing that. The answer to hate is love. And love comes from God. We as the church are the answer to this tragedy. But, we must engage in our community and share Jesus in loving and merciful ways. And that takes time, and sacrifices. What are we willing to sacrifice to reach others for the change that is Jesus? As we watch Spring move into Summer may we take inventory of what we can do to be a lasting and effective change for good, for God in our community.

In His Merciful Love,

Pastor Bryan



*Pastor  
Bryan  
Vacation*

Pastor Bryan will be away May 27th - June 6th visiting family in Idaho. There will be a pulpit guest on Sunday, June 2, 2024.



# Mission Opportunities

## SANDWICH MINISTRY

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the sandwich ministry. If you would like to help, contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan for details on how you can help.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be held May 11th. The food collected will be donated to the Food Bank. Remember those in need and support them by leaving canned goods out for our postal carriers to collect.



### BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will be making fleece blankets on April 19th from 9-2 and would appreciate any help from our church members. No blankets will be made for the months of May thru August.



The Mission Commission will be serving food at the Rescue Mission on April 26th, May 24th, June 21st, and July 26th. If anyone would like to help with this service, please contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.



The Mission Commission would like to get involved in the “Sleep In Heavenly Peace” project in our community. This project helps build beds for children who don’t have any. There are volunteers who will help those willing to give up a little time to help in various stages of building the beds from sanding, painting, or hammering in a few nails to name a few. No experience is necessary. There are two workshops coming up soon to building the beds.

**April 27th from 8am-2pm (work as much as you want) at the Casper College Wood shop.**

**May 18th from 8am-2pm Joshua’s Storehouse parking lot.**

The blanket ministry will be donating some blankets. If you would like to help with this project, please let Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan know before one of these dates.



**MAY DIACONATE**

8:15 - Pat Seamands

10:10 -Debbie Mestas & Marcus Hayden

Contact Trudy Woodard @ 259-4370

to sign up if you haven't already.

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**OFFERING STEWARD**

Tom Dowler

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**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Jennifer Grooms

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**ELDERS**

April 21 - Teresa Elliott, Nicholas Grooms

April 38 - Dewey Smith & Dennis Baker

May 5 - Dewey Smith & Nic Grooms

May 12 - Teresa Elliott & Gloria Monroe

May 19 - Dewey Smith & Nic Grooms

May 26 - Teresa Elliott & Nancy Thomas



Linda Mosteller	May 3	Mary Lou Westman	May 16
Jenny Black	May 4	Trisha Whitcomb	May 16
Dylan Stupak	May 4	Jamie Williams	May 16
Darlene Bishop	May 6	Raylan Heck	May 17
Brady Hover	May 7	Jared Black	May 22
Lois Purvis	May 11	Cristopf Atkinson	May 24
George Morrison	May 12	Amanda Kirlin	May 24
Martha Wallace	May 12	Steve Kingsolver	May 25
Gene Weiss	May 12	Travis Hayden	My 31



George & Terri Morrison - May 3, 1975  
 Kirk & Robin Nelson - May 15, 1982  
 Tyler & Michelle Elser, May 23, 2011  
 Russ & Julie Black, May 25, 1980  
 Dan & Jan Coey, May 26, 1984  
 Ted & Jennifer Grooms, May 31, 1975

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



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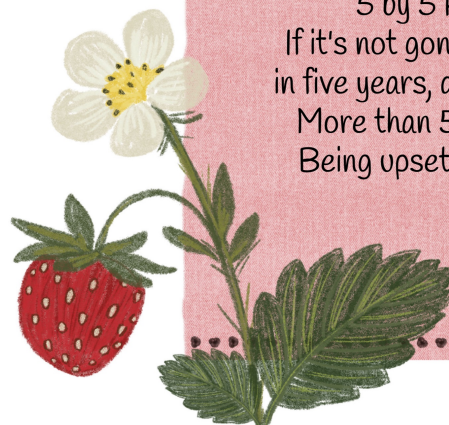
**JUST A REMINDER!!** Anytime you come to the church and the door is locked and you push the ring bell and no one comes to open or the door doesn't open, please call the church phone. If I am away from my desk, I don't hear the ring because it only rings on my computer or my cell phone and NOT through the whole church.

**CELEBRATION**

OF Life



Celebration of Life for Roger Cook will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024 at First Christian Church.



**5 by 5 Rule**  
 If it's not gonna matter in five years, don't spend More than 5 minutes Being upset about it!



# Preschool News

We are wrapping up the school year with the letter Z. Pre-K will have around the world week, the 2/3 yr old class will make Brown Bear Books and the 3/4 yr old class will make Old McDonald books. It has been a wonderful year and has gone way to fast.

Preschool graduation will be Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to attend. Our final day will be May 24th from 10:30 - 12:00 at Crossroads Castle Park.

Blessings to all .....Teresa and Shannon.



**SPIRITUAL GROWTH** is asking everyone to join in the **Pie Bakeoff on Sunday, May 19th** after the 10:10 service. There will be judges for each category—Fruit Pie, Cheesecake, Cream Pie and Miscellaneous Pie. After the judges get a slice, everyone is invited to try pie, ice cream and be social. It's ok if you don't bake, just come and join the fun and eat pie! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

## CRMR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 25-27, CHEYENNE, WY

Regional Assembly will be held at the First Christian Church in Cheyenne, WY.

**COST:** Early Bird Registration due July 15, 2024 — \$125

Regular Registration due Oct. 1, 2024 - \$150

Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Dawn Weaks, co-pastor of Connection Christian Church (DOC) in Odessa, TX. She will be leading three interactive gatherings as we explore who we are as a people of faith connected together in churches and communities, coming together in healing and hope as we move forward to be God's church in the CRMR and beyond. **REGISTRATION FORMS** will be on the bulletin board if you're interested in attending or online at [crrmrdoc.org](http://crrmrdoc.org)





Join **DWM** on May 14th, Tuesday at 1:00 pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Please read **Ephesians Chapter Five**

**Interfaith is our May Service Project**

Interfaith began serving persons who needed emergency assistance in October 1984. The first family went into transitional housing in November 1984.

**Mission:**

Interfaith of Natrona County provides connections to community resources and supplemental assistance to qualifying Natrona County residents, to empower and encourage self-sufficiency.

**Vision:**

To promote self-sufficiency and the ability to live independently.

Interfaith would appreciate cleaning supplies and dish soap in small containers, along with a \$ .98 cent 4 pack of toilet paper they purchase at Walmart for their clients who often carry everything they own in their backpacks.



**Christian Education will present 2nd grade graduates with bibles on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th.** Our 2nd graders are: Allie Hendricks, Rylie Lavin, Abel Cazier and Tyler Sibal. Please let Michelle know if there are other members receiving these bibles.

**On May 19th the High School graduates will be presented bibles.** Those are: Jada Wardell, Emma Lackey, Cristopf Atkinson and Zachary Hawley. If there are any other members graduating from High School, please let Michelle know.

Congratulations to all our graduates and High School seniors *"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting ....So get on your way!" ... From Oh the Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss*

## The Gospel of Mark

**Men's Theology/Fishing Retreat**

**July 15-19, 2024**

**Bear Lodge Resort, Big Horn Mountains, Wyoming**



**Guest Leader: The Rev. Dr. John Hull, Jr. Hebrew Bible Scholar, retired professor at Lexington Theological Seminary.**

**Cost: \$125.00 (most of the retreat is funded by the generosity of First Christian Church (DOC), Sheridan, Wyoming. For more information, contact Rev. Doug Goodwin (307) 461, 2384 or Rev. Bryan Elliott (307) 355-9232. OR email to: [fish2day97@gmail.com](mailto:fish2day97@gmail.com).**



# May 2024

April 2024

May 2024

June 2024

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